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RUBJECT: SEMINAR ON U.S. REGULATIONS FOR CONSUMER FOODS

REF: (A) USDOC 24243; (B) TAIPEI 7366; (C) HK14785

- 1. SUBJECT SEMINAR IN HONG KONG IS BEING ORGANIZED AND SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG FEDRATION OF INDUSTRIES. BECAUSE FEDERATION PLANNED TO BRING SEVERAL EXPERTS FROM U.S. AS PANEL MEMBERS IT MANY MONTHS AGO APPROACHED COUNTERPART ORGANIZATIONS IN TAIPEI AND SEOUL TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF THEM HOLDING SIMILAR SEMINARS AT ROUGHLY THE SAME TIME AND SHARING CERTAIN EXPENSES, NOTABLY AIR FARES. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE HONG KONG FEDERATION THAT (A) CETDC IN TAIPEI AND COUNTERPART IN SEOUL HAVE EACH AGREED AND (B) THAT THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS ARE IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER TO SYNCHRONIZE TIME, TOPICS, SHARED EXPENSES, ETC. FOR THE SEMINARS.
- 2. CONGEN MYSTIFIED BY REFERENCE TO "REGIONAL" TRADE SHOW IN REFTEL (B). CONGEN IS CONSIDERING AND FEDERATION HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY SPACE ADJACENT TO ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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SEMINAR PREMISES FOR A SMALL U.S. TRADE OR CATALOG SHOW WHICH WOULD PROMOTE U.S. TESTING AND OTHER PERTINENT EQUIPMENT AND WHICH CONGEN WOULD RECRUIT LOCALLY FOR THE HONG KONG SEMINAR ONLY. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL (C) WAS FOR TAIPEI USE IF AND ONLY IF IT WISHED TO MOUNT A SIMILAR LOCALLY-PROCURED SHOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CETDC SEMINAR. CONGEN OVER

THE PAST YEAR HAS SENT COPIES OF VARIOUS RELATED MESSAGES TO SEOUL AND TAIPEI FOR THE SAME PURPOSE (INCLUDING AN INITIAL COMPREHENSIVE LETTER DATED MAY 12, 1977 TO USDOC WHEN HONG KONG FEDRATION PLANS WERE FIRST BEING FORMULATED). NATURALLY LOCALLY RECRUITED SHOWS TO PIGGYBACK THE SEMINARS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RESPECTIVE POSTS AND OF THE LOCAL COUNTRY ORGANIZATIONS SPONSORING THE SEMINARS.

3. RE JOHN BYINGTON OF CPSC CONGEN LAST AUGUST RECEIVED STATE 200645 WITH MESSAGE FROM HIM STATING QUOTE MY FEELING IS THAT ASIAN SEMINARS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1978 WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE AND THEREFORE I AM PLANNING ON ATTENDING. CPSC WILL FUND TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM FOR ITS REPRESENTATIVES. LETTER TO FOLLOW SHORTLY WITH CONFIRMATION AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA AND FOCUS. UNQUOTE. WE RELAYED MESSAGE TO HONG KONG FEDERATION AND ALSO CABLED IT TO SEOUL AND TAIPEI (HONG KONG 10461). SHOESMITH

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